

Howard County Consumer Protection Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

- Present: Sue Rogan, Ashlyn Hood, Jill Bussey, Katherine Bornstein, Marshall McLeod
- Absent: Richard Greene

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as read.

Discussion of Potential Landlord-Tenant legislation

Becky advised the Board Councilperson Mary Kay Sigaty (who requested the Board's involvement) was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. She would still like to go forward on this project but has not yet gathered the info she needs to help shape the Board's next steps. If possible, she would like to meet with Becky and one or more Board members sometime prior to the Board's September meeting. In the meantime, Becky will pull together: applicable sections of Montgomery County's landlord tenant law, data on the complaints the Office of Consumer Protection has handled, a draft of potential questions that could be posed to focus groups. These items can then be put on google docs along with the timeline that Becky has already drafted. Becky will then advise the Board of when Ms. Sigaty will be available to meet.

Student Loan Forum and Resource Fair #2

Becky advised the Board that she has gotten positive feedback from a representative of Howard Community College about co-hosting the next forum. That person will be consulting with others at HCC and then get back to Becky with their decision and possible dates.

Office Update

Becky reported that the rollout of the Office's new names has gone smoothly. There is no news at this time on the appointment of a new Director of the Department of Community Resources and Services. Becky also circulated a revised Board roster and gathered corrections to be made. Becky also asked the Board members if they had contacts at several community organizations that OCP may be able to partner with on consumer education.

The Board agreed to cancel its August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, AT 7:00 PM
OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION CONFERENCE ROOM
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